

## MOTHER PUSHES FOR ANSWERS IN SON'S KILLING

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Among her worst fears, Sara Grant said Friday, was that something would happen to the two children she worked hard to rear right in a sometimes brutal city.

Now that her son is dead, a new fear has moved in: that his death will become only another unsolved Detroit homicide.

"I'm not going to let anybody get away with thinking that Edgar was just another nigger child who died in Detroit," said Grant, 43, who is black.

"I taught him to be strong. I told him, 'If you want something, you don't steal it. You don't kick in a bank door. You don't sell drugs, and you don't take drugs. If you want something, you got to work for it. You got to crawl before you can walk.' "

**Edgar Scott**, 18, who had been accepted for enrollment by Henry Ford Community College, was found dead of a gunshot wound to the head 30 days ago.

With a \$10 bill, he had left his mother's west side home in the 18600 block of Winthrop to walk to the store.

He made it there, but he didn't make it back.

His body was found that evening behind the NBD bank building near Seven Mile and Greenfield. A bag of potato chips lay nearby. In his pockets were his wallet, his house keys and change from the \$10 bill.

"WE HAVE NO motive whatsoever," Sgt. George Taylor, a Detroit Police homicide investigator, said Friday. "We have talked to a lot of people, left a lot of business cards, and all indications are that Edgar was a popular young man in the neighborhood who didn't cause trouble. That's what puzzles me. I can't believe there isn't something more to it."

Taylor said there were signs of a struggle in the snow.

Scott, who was working at an auto parts store to make money for college, would have been 19 Friday. His mother visited his grave at Detroit Memorial Park Cemetery in Warren. It was the first time she had visited.

"I am a pusher -- I have pushed my children to grow up in the way of the Lord," she said of Edgar and his sister, Roshell Wimbley, 22.

"I have been to houses where people watched their kids smoke dope. None of that went on in this house. And when I heard that Edgar was shot, the first thing I thought was about all the training, all the discipline, all the respect I had instilled into this child -- it had gone down the drain."

Grant and some friends have put up about \$2,000 in reward money for information leading to the arrest of her son's killer.

Taylor said someone other than the killer may know why Scott was killed. Anyone with information can call the homicide section at 224-4280 anytime.

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### **Edgar Scott**

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